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**What happened:**

Whilst excavating the underground cable route, Wood uncovered a redundant 7" water main. Although the water main was showing on the buried service documents, they were informed at the start of the project that the redundant cast pipe had been removed when the new 630mm water main was installed. Because of the safe digging practices and due diligence of the wood civils team undertaking the task \_ the undamaged cast pipe was detected via Cat & Genny and the pipe was uncovered to allow a full inspection. The Assets owner was informed and requested to attend site to confirm that the pipe was redundant before work could commence.



**What we need you to do:**

Ensure that you have a full robust Safe system of works in place. Fully trained personnel and competent people undertaking the task. Revisit your Permit to excavate documents to ensure suitability of hazard and control measures. Utilise HSG47 (safe digging practices) at all times and regularly use a calibrated Cat & Genny to scan the ground at set intervals.

Always expect the unexpected and assume that there is something there waiting to be found.

Never become complacent in your work practices, even when you are confident that no hazards are present.

Set your safety standards high and lead on compliance and professionalism.

Don't place your personnel at risk and take pride in the quality of your work & performance.

Raise the safety shield on your project – and ensure you are prepared by planning, engaged with your people and intervene when and where required.

No one was hurt or harmed as a result of this situation, and a near miss was evaded by doing the right thing –consistently.

